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DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING

Attn: Debbie J. Pietrzak
Area Manager

Dear Ms. Pietrzak

In response to your letter dated April 8, 1993, we submit the following information:

- A. 5M, Inc. is acquiring the patented mineral lands surrounding the area stated in your letter.
- B. All of the underground workings in, on or around these lands predate the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation

 Program; however, much work has been done to fence, barricade, cover, and reclaim many of the old mine workings. Unfortunately, some of the fencing and posts have been taken by vandals and others for their own purposes. Fencing has been ongoing up to within the last six months and cleanup, removal of equipment, and reclamation has been conducted in the last 1½ years and is still ongoing.
- C. Elevated levels of metals in the area are the reason that this area is a Mining District. Elevated levels of metals caused the mine, not the mine causing the elevated levels of metals.
- D. The wetland stated as being below the leach area, is not a natural wetland. Water in the area is caused by the irrigation ditch traversing the property and should be considered the same as pasture land.
- E. Disturbance on the unpatented land includes portions of roads traversing the area, parts of a power line, and portions of the leach pad and mill facilities.
- F. Up to this time, our energies and research have been directed toward the most efficient and timely way in which to develop the resources of the property in order that the operations in a natural course of development would reclaim the lands for future beneficial use. In this manner, mining would

Bureau of Land Management Dixie Resource Area Page 2 come to an end and the land would then be put to its highest and best use. G. We initiated the mineral patent process a few years ago on these lands because this is a small landlocked piece of mineral ground in the middle of patented mineral lands owned by us. It is our intent to continue with this patent process. With the new technology that we are working with and developing at the present time, we would like to change the format of your letter and work closely with you in developing a plan to produce the resources, rather than reclaim it at the present time. Although the site has been severely vandalized, it has not been abandoned. We would like to develop a plan to use the equipment and facilities still on site. We intend to communicate and work with you in the near future in the development and initiation of this plan. Although this cannot be done in a very short order, it is requested that you work with us to develop a program that will benefit all. Very sincerely, Jeny Homing In & serry Glazier, by In & President JI:s cc: Hand carried & delivered this date